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Title: THROUGH-TIMING OF DATA TRANSMITTED ACROSS AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UTILIZING FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLEXING

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Examiner: Daniel J. Ryman
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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2005, such extension allowing the undersigned until November 17, 2005, to respond.

A Fee Authorization is enclosed to cover this extension fee. However, if the Fee Authorization is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5957-41406/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

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